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- For January 2001

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LATE LOGS (Pre-Nov. 20)

Fight For Free Radio - (A.C.E./FRN Loggings?)

- 11/18/00, *2342-0045*, 6950 USB (GZ-OH 353) (JS-NE)
- 11/18/00, 2350-0004*, 6950 USB (GM-CT 454) (JS-NE)

Radio Azteca - (Belfast, NY)

- 11/18/00, *2311-2342*, 6950 USB (GZ-OH 454)

Radio Free Speech - (No drop announced)

- 11/12/00, 1351-1404*, 6950 (No mode given) (GZ-OH 353+)

Radio Neptune - (Blue Ridge Summit, PA)

- 11/19/00, 2319 - 2347*, 6950 USB (GZ-OH 242)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International - (Hoogeveen, NL)

- 11/26/00, 0501-0521+, 6305 AM: OM announcer with EuroPop. Lengthy ID and telephone number given at around 0514. (CL-MA 222)

NORTH AMERICA-SHORTWAVE

6955 Beacon - (Unknown)

- 12/08/00, 0133-0158, 6955 USB: OM announcer repeating "This is the 6-9-5-5 Beacon" every 30 seconds. (JS-NE Please QSL)

Eat It Radio - (Unknown)

- 11/25/00, 2037-2054*, 6955 USB: Oldies rock, OM IDs, discussion of QSLs at 2054 but no address or contact given. (GZ-OH ???)

Indira Calling - (Providence, RI)

- 11/26/00, 0024-0058, 6950 USB: Rock and east Indian music. Clobbered by RBCN signon at 0058. (GZ-OH 242+)
- 12/03/00, *0108-0133*, 6950 USB: Vijay Nehru spinning the hot wax with a bootleg of the last Beach Boys' last concert in India. (As supplied by former Guitar Technician George Zeller!) Featured "Wendy" with Dennis Wilson on tabla. Good signal. (NW-ON) (GZ-OH 353+) 6949/8 USB: replay of "Beach Party 2000". (JS-NE)

Jean Chretien Station/Jean Chretien Worldwide - (Unknown)

- 11/19/00, 0006-0032, 6950.2 LSB: Parody of FFR claiming James Brown is Bill O. Rights and Boz Skaggs be removed from K-Tel web site. (JS-NE Please QSL)
- 11/29/00, 0210-0304+, 6950 USB: all-Canadian artists - "Len", "The Killjoys" (Now there's an appropriate name for a Canadian band! - Lee), "Our Lady Peace", "Edwin", "Sloan", "The Headstones", "54-50", etc. Chretien filler between many songs saying "We will not let them tear them down!", Chretien obviously celebrating

the clear cut Canadian election results. No Celine Dion or Shania Twain on the playlist. Poor to fair signal that sounded as if it was coming over the pole. (NW-ON Please QSL) Song - "I want to be a Canadian" (Sounds like "The Lumberjack Song" if you ask me...-Lee) (JS-NE Please QSL) 0200-0303*, music, very 60's sounding! (LR-NH 555 Please QSL)

- 12/09/00, 0526-0532*, 6954.9 LSB: Jean Chretien Worldwide announcement, unknown tune, "We will not let...." voice loop and off. (LR-NH 434 Please QSL)

KIPM - (Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022)

- 11/02/00, 0205-0259, 6944 USB: "Strange Cargo" show. Excellent signal and audio. (JS-NE)
- 12/03/00, 0017-0107*, 6950 USB: Lengthy and complex anti-war drama, repeat of the October 29th broadcast (GZ-OH 353+) "War Hounds" episode (JS-NE)
- 12/03/00, 0248+, 6945 USB: "Primordial Time Journey" (JS-NE)
- 12/03/00, 0302+, 6956 USB: "The Truth" (JS-NE)
- 12/03/00, 0339-0410*, 6956 USB: "I ara livid - a volcano about to erupt!", "The background music is like a mantra", 50's soundtrack music, KIPM drop announcement at 0350 (LR-NH 454)
- 12/03/00, 0402-0456*, 6955 USB: Sketch about a man trying to find his dream girl. (GZ-OH 353+)
- 12/03/00, 1330-1345, 6955 USB: The tale of "Mac the Night Watchman" (who lost his way), talk of the Illuminati. Excellent signal in all respects! (RC-MA 555)

KRMI - (krmi6955@hotmail.com)

- 11/24/00, 0228-0238, 69450/6949.9 USB: OM announcer urging Pirate community to stop attacking each other and spend more time on the air/QSLing instead. YL song: "Set your radio free - Screw the FCC", gave email address, said QSLs would be forthcoming. (CL-MA 343) - Songs "Pirate Radio" and : "Set your radio free - Screw the FCC". Encouraging other Pirates to get on the air. (JS-NE)
- 12/01/00, 0222-0228, 6949.9 USB: Songs "We Love Radio", "The Woman's Song". Special QSL offered for Christmas. (JS-NE) 0215-0223: Songs "Turn Me On", "Kill The Wabbit", KRMI ID and email announcement at 0223. (LR-NH 535 Please QSL)

NOEL/NOEL Radio - (unknown)

- 11/28/00, 0315+, 6950 USB: various Christmas tunes and old radio jingles. Similar program style to MOE's '99 Christmas show. Early for a Christmas show, fair signal. (NW-ON Please QSL) - 0313-0327, program of carols, "All Christmas, all the time!" (JS-NE Please QSL) (LR-NH 423 Please QSL)
- 12/03/00, 0137-0216*, 6950 USB: Christmas music with frequent jingles and IDs. "All Christmas, All The Time" slogan. (GZ-OH 242+) 0140-0155, 6950 USB: carols with advertisement for used sleigh and sports news. (JS-NE Please QSL)

Old Turkey Radio - (oldturkeyradio@hotmail.com?)

- 11/24/00, 0117-0121, 6950 USB: Lampoon of American Thanksgiving eating habits, ID and turkey gobble, parody of Joan Jett - "I love Butterball". Off suddenly. (RC-MA 544) 0102-0120, 6949.9 USB: Songs "Turkey Lurkey", "I love Butterball". Call to an orgasmic turkey hotline operator. (JS-NE)

Power95 FM -

- 12/01/00, 0245-0311, 6952 USB: Songs "I love my leather jacket", "You may not know it now". Possibly Sycko Radio? (JS-NE)
(John, probably this one's the "Tower 95" used by Sycko - below!)

Radio Azteca - (Belfast, NY)

- 11/24/00, 0312-0337, 6950.3 USB: Repeat of program #38. (CL-MA 333) 0320-0337, 6950 USB: show #38. (LR-NH 534)
- 12/03/00, 1535-1612, 21860 USB: Programs #36 and 35. Good signal, great programming. (JS-NE)

Radio Bingo - (radiobingo@cheek.com)

- 11/26/00, 0104-0130, 6950 AM: Playing the blue card, heard "Bang a Gong" and "Do Like They Do(On The Discovery Channel)". Clips of Sal Ammoniac and Jimmy Da Weasel. (JS-NE)

Radio Free Speech Relay Service –

- 11/23/00, *0150-0151*, 6950.4 AM: Brief word from Bill O. Rights at the conclusion of the relays. Stated that he is not Pat Murphy and gave his trademark signoff of "See ya!". No drop announced. (GZ-OH 354)

Radio Neptune – (Blue Ridge Summit, PA)

- 12/02/00, 0333-0418*, 6950 USB: OM announcer with rock music programming. IDed as "Radio Neptune Universal Service". (GZ-OH 242)

RBCN – (Atlanta/Lula, GA)

- 11/26/00, 0049-0137(? Email said 0037 which meant it ended before it started...), 6950.4 (USB?): Country music, Budweiser song, Radio Bob interviewing Colonel Houndog. Address of POB 17334, Atlanta, GA 30516 given but believed station mostly uses Lula nowadays. (GZ-OH, 242+)

Scream Of The Mosquito – (Via A.C.E. Loggings?)

- 12/08/00, 0158-0205+, 6955 USB: Music by Chicago. (JS-NE)

Sycko/Psycho Radio –

- 11/24/00, 0136-0205*, 6950 USB: OM announcer, Beatles tunes, listener request for Kid Rock. (CL-MA 232), *2209-2307* 6955 USB: George says show was largely rock with several "Tower-95" IDs, possible FM relay, clear ann at 2306 that it was Sycko Radio relaying Tower 95. (GZ-OH 242+)
- 11/25/00, 1652-1745+, 6955 USB: Original production by Sycko including much rock but also sketches including advertisement for adult cable TV programs, astronauts and sex in space, UPS parody. (GZ-OH 252+) 2039-2058, 6954 USB: "X-Files" theme, "Adventures of Short Wave Man" (JS-NE Please QSL) *2105-2120+, 6955 USB: Yet more different programming – "Adventures of a Shortwave Man" sponsored by 100% Caffeine Coffee along with mentions of a parallel broadcast on 88.3 Mhz. (GZ-OH 242+)
- 11/28/00, 0145-0200+, 6950 USB: Sycko on vacation so Beavis and Buttthead are hosting. (JS-NE Please QSL) 0130-0146, 6950 USB: Music, clip of "One small step for man, one...", old movie-type voiceovers, Sycko Radio announcement at 0136. (LR-NH 524 Please QSL)

- 12/03/00, 0249-0310+, 6953 USB: Music by Primer 55, Godsmack and Cycle Negative (JS-NE Please QSL) 0301-0326, 6953 USB: music including "How does it feel?", "My would-be Savior", Type O Negative, Radio Bob Group. Frequent IDs and mention of 6953 frequency by OM announcer. (RC-MA 444)

URGZ – (Possibly A.C.E. Loggings?)

- 11/23/00, 0003-0049*, 6950.4 AM: Elaborate production about people's various urges, chief of which is that of flipping the bird to jerks. Pirate broadcasting is another one mentioned. Cigarette advert parodies and some football game audio in which Bob Long catches several passes and scores a touchdown. First time on in a log while, gave no address now or when active in 1994 but *did* verify some loggings in A.C.E. Announcement at the beginning of the program that it was being relayed by the Radio Free Speech relay. (GZ-OH 354)

Voice Of Bizarro World – (Huntsville, AL)

- 11/23/00, *0105-0151*, 6950.4 AM: Another oldie being relayed by the Radio Free Speech relay service. Announcer "Xhem" does everything backwards in Bizarro World: Begin with signoff, backwards interview with Doctor Zagnut, end with

signon. National anthem of this world is a polka. (That's what ours will be after President Gump is done with us! – Lee) (GZ-OH 354)

Voice Of Captain Ron Shortwave – (captainronswr@yahoo.com)

- 11/23/00, *2150-2221*, 6955 USB: Rap song "Ready or Not?", mention of the estimable Alan Maxwell (of KIPM), Al Gore and The Recount, Captain Ron and Major Prick doing the show. Some transmitter problems and downward frequency drift. (GM-CT 434)

Voice Of Shortwave Radio – (Blue Ridge Summit, PA)

- 11/23/00, *0049-0103*, 6950 AM: Relayed on the Radio Free Speech relay service, signon with the "Dragnet" theme, into rock oldies (Del Shannon, Chubby Checker et al). Gave BRS maildrop. (GZ-OH 354)

WDRR – (Belfast, NY and desperaternr@hotmail.com?)

- 12/10/00, 1519-1606, 21860 USB: host J.C. Tiger playing rare rockabilly and rock cuts. Excellent signal. Relay via Radio Garbanzo? (JS-NE)

WHYP – (whyp1530@yahoo.com)

- 11/23/00, 0217-0242+, 6950 USB: Little rock music but mainly a discourse on the inimitable James Brownyard of WHYP-AM in North East, PA. Announced as a dysfunctional family Thanksgiving special broadcast. Also announced that amongst the candidates to be recounted in the Florida Presidential election are – Glen Hauser, JTA, Maryanne Kehoe, Niel Wolfish, Radio Bob and Bram Stoker. (GZ-OH 353+). 1615+, 6955 AM: Very weak, James Brownyard ID, Alice Cooper song. (GM-CT 121)
- 11/24/00, 0012-0039*, 6949.2/5 AM: "Dysfunctional Thanksgiving Program" with talk about dangerous toys for children (whip antennas, vacuum tubes). Signoff with a clip of one of George Zeller's talks at the Kulpville Winterfest. (CL-MA 343) 6955 USB: "James Brownyard Thanksgiving 2000" (JS-NE)
- 11/25/00, 0214-0225*/0233-0244*, 6945 USB: Rock, announced as the station's Thanksgiving show. (GZ-OH 454/353+)
- 11/26/00, 0320-0427+, 6950 USB: Regis Brownyard with repeat of "Who wants to be a Pirate Radio Operator?" (CL-MA 444), *0319-0440*, 6955 USB (differing reports here guys) George says that they had the answer to the GZ receiver question wrong (it's a Ten-Tec 340) so some of the sequence had wrong answers. (GZ-OH 353+) 6946.6 USB: The classic "Who wants to be a..." (JS-NE)
- 12/10/00, 0000-0032*, 6950 USB: Brownyard Family Christmas Show. Announcer comments that "This station is the most underrated station in Pirate Radio today!" (GZ-OH 353) 0022-0030, 6946 USB: replay of "Brownyard Family Christmas" (JS-NE)

WLN/WLS? –

- 12/03/00, 0223-0250, 6955 USB: Jingle IDs, music including Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Blue Oyster Cult. (RC-MA 554)

WLS – (Unknown)

- 12/03/00, 0108-0223+, 6955 USB: Oldies by Elton John, Cream, Rod Stewart. WLS station Jingles. (JS-NE Please QSL)

WLIQ – (Blue Ridge Summit, PA)

- 11/25/00, 0344-0406*, 6955 USB: Rock and Christmas music, IDs of "WLIQ-6855" by OM. No drop announced, QSOs followed the broadcast. (GZ-OH 242)
- 12/02/00, 0326-0330+, 6950 USB: Jimmy Hix with Christmas show. Technical problems. (JS-NE)

WMFQ – (Providence, RI)

- 11/24/00, 0159-0230+, 6945 USB: Shouted IDs, Kurt Cobain tunes. Left because heard splatter on 6950. (CL-MA 343) Usual programming with ID chanting. (JS-NE)
- 12/02/00, 2349-0003+, 6950 USB: Sped-up version of "Secret Agent Man", Eddy Grant's "Electric Avenue" and The Offspring's "Come out and play". Various

shouted profane IDs, good signal. (NW-ON), (GZ-OH 353+ (George reported 6955 as frequency))

Z-100 - (bigz100fm(?) or z100fm@yahoo.com)

- 11/22/00, 2059-2152*, 6955 USB: Oldies rock/pop OM announcer, jingles. Sounds like a replica (not a relay) of an FM station. (GZ-OH 252+)
- 11/24/00, 0121-0201 signoff, 6955 USB: Z100 jingles, ID, 60s/70s music mix including Beatles, Chicago, CCR, The Association, Boston, Smokey Robinson. Strong signal but bad heterodyne from Campesino. (RC-MA, 433) 0301-0311*, 6955 USB: at end of transmission said "Thanks a lot and everybody have a good night - Happy Thanksgiving!" (GZ-OH 343)
- 11/24/00, 0102-0213+, 6955 USB: Extended program playing rock oldies. (JS-NE) *2123-2204*, 6955 USB: rock oldies, Z-100 IDs and jingles. (GZ-OH 242+)
- 11/26/00, 0059- 0307*, 6955 USB: Rock, IDs, jingles (GZ-OH 232+) 0256-0312, 6955 USB: OM announcer with rock music. (CL-MA 232,)
- 11/27/00, 0159-0310+, 6955 USB: Lengthy program of classic rock. (JS-NE) 0213-0213-0232+, 6955 USB: rock, IDs, jingles. (GZ-OH 242+)
- 12/01/00, 0200-0202+, 6955 USB: "Midnight At The Oasis", Z-100 jingle. (LR-NH 534 Please QSL)
- 12/02/00, 0203-0240, 6950 USB: "Tell Me Why", "Standing On Shaky Ground" (JS-NE) 0208-0231, 6950 AM: Beatles "I saw her standing there", Z-100 jingles and shift to AM on 6950 improved signal. Good signal and audio. (RC-MA 454)
- 12/05/00, 0201-0220+, 6955 USB: Music by Pilot, The Who/Townsend, Van Halen(?), Genesis. Z-100 announcement at 0210. (LR-NH 554 Please QSL)

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11/23/00, 1733+, 6955 USB: Metallica song with OM announcer. (Possibly Blind Faith Radio? Very weak!) (GM-CT 121)

11/23/00, 2104-2111*, 6955 USB: Amboy Dukes song, Journey to the center of your Mind, spooky story about a man living alone and building something. (GM-CT 434)

12/01/00, 0335+, 6951.6 AM: Bangles' song "Manic Monday" (LR-NH 433)

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RAMBLINGS

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Okay, first column so be gentle with me - I'm working out the bugs and getting used to doing this. My thanks to all the people who so kindly submitted logs, they are much appreciated.

I know there are typos and other errors, for these, my apologies. I'll improve as time goes on.

I'm planning on updating the format of the column somewhat - I'd VERY much like to hear suggestions as to what you'd like to see here. One of the problems I have is laying out multiple loggings of a transmission in a clear format without tripling the page space needed. As I said, I have some ideas, the bullets are one of them.....

Let's hear your thoughts, people! You want frequencies rounded up or down or put in exactly as reported? Want the loggings by station breakdown or by date breakdown? Want the station contact data in a block at the end? Want Da Weasel to crossbreed with Radio Xanax for a gentler, kinder Weasel? (Mebbe Jimmy Da Gerbil?)

Now's the time to write.....

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VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: January 19th.

FORMAT CHANGE

After much thought and trepidation, I've decided a format change for this column was in order. From now on, I've decided to list QSLs received in alphabetical order rather than by contributor. Why?

I've run out of funny things to say and it will be easier to compile a year end database of QSLs received with the new format. Anyway, I hope all of you will be happy with it.

GROUND ZERO RADIO: Nice, full data full color card with nuclear explosion on front, from Texas Pete in 3 months. [Sedlacek-NE]

KIPM: Full color QSL & CD of program #13 in 3 weeks. [Sedlacek-NE]
Four computer generated cards #293 with list of programs recorded and semi-personal letter in 1 month from the Elkhorn, NE maildrop. [Arthur-NY]

RADIO AZTECA: Two nice full data cards, a yellow RA pennant and a "QSL Check Sheet" listing all types of QSL issued, in a couple of weeks from Bram Stoker. [Lobdell-MA]

RADIO NEPTUNE UNIVERSAL SERVICE: Full color QSL sheet, program #5 playlist and letter from Joe Mack in 6 weeks. [Sedlacek-NE]

SCREAM OF THE MOSQUITO: Nice color QSL w/mosquito motif signed by Captain Buzzy for log posted at the ACE website. [Sedlacek-NE]

VOICE OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR CIRCLE ROUTE RADIO NETWORK: A "Duluth-Superior Harbor" post card received in 4 months. Signer was illegible. [Pappas-SD] Same, signed by Jimmy Hix, Program Director in 4 months. [Sedlacek-NE]

WHYP: Full size QSL sheet for Friday The 13th/Halloween Shows in about a month. [Sedlacek-NE] No freq. picture collage in 27 days for email report. Sheet lists those who heard the broadcast. [Zeller-OH]
No data pink sheet [as above] in 1 month. [Smolinski-MD] Same red sheet in about a month. [Lobdell-MA]

WLIS: Full data sheet received in 2 months for Labor Day broadcast from Charles Poltz. [Sedlacek-NE] Full data memorial photo of Arthur Cushen and Ian MacFarland in 40 days for logs in bulletins. Also received color brochure for the Calypso Cabaret at Asia Hotel in Thailand. [Zeller-OH]

WMFQ: Niel Wolfish theme sheet from Q. Esselle. [Sedlacek-NE]

XB-37: QSL #3 signed by Texas Pete for a test broadcast back in July of 1999. [Sedlacek-NE]

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THE DIRECTORY

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by: Chris Lobdell

The following are the known addresses of active and planned North American Free Radio stations, revised to 16 Dec. 2000. MW & FM frequencies are given where known.

KEY:

* = also on shortwave
? = existence questionable
BC = broadcast or broadcasting
FR = Free Radio
mx = music
R = Radio
RF = Radio Free
Intl = International
Svc = Service
Vo = Voice of
Vot = Voice of the
Vox = Voice
WW = Worldwide

770 Sycamore Ave #J193, Vista, CA 92083:
Anarchy One, Vot Dead

Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711:
Alternate Elvis?, Anteater R, Atomic Frog, Big Brother R?, Black Rider R, Black Swan R-100.9*, Beck to Beck R, Bullfrog R, Car Show, CELL phone R, CFBN, CNBS, Country Frog, CRSN, East Coast Mx R, High Times R?, Hit Parade R?, KNBS, KOAM?, KQRP, KXVN-830//92.7, La V de Mundano Tiempo, Microdot R, Night On Fire, One Vox R, Orbital Mind Control Satellite, Pan Global Wireless, R Azteca, R Cyclops, RF Euphoria, R Frog Euphoria, R EXP, RFM, RF Speech, R Garbanzo, R Hallowe'en?, R Headlights?, R KNA, R Marabu (Germany), R Mindwebs, R Navidad Intl, R Okeechobee, R One, R Poncho Villa, R USA, Reefer Madness R, SML Ltd, Solid Rock R, Southern Mx R (NZ), Take It Easy R, The Oasis, Union City R, Vo Bob?, Vo Bono?, Vot Daleks?, Vo Intoxication, Vo Laryngitis, Vo Nothing, Vot Runaway Maharishi, Vot Angry Bastard, Warthog R?, WAZU, WBIG, WCR-89.3, WDDR, WDRR, WGBR-600, WMAD?, WMIR, WORK, WPBR, WPUP, WRAY, WRRN, WRV?, WSKY, WTWP, WVOL, WYMN, WYYZ-550//91.7, WWWW?, Xmas Day R, Z Radio

Box 24, Lula, GA 30554:
R Bob's Comm Net, WWRB

Box 29, Wilton, ME 04294:
WRX, Jimmy the Weasel

Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022:
Ground Zero R., KIPM

Box 88, Moline, MI 49335:
Omega R

Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214:

Black Rock R?, Cherokee R?, CKLW, Crazy Wave R, CSIC, CXDX, Defiance!90, East Coast Beer Drinker?, F Hope Experience, He Man R, Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy Electromagnetic Emissions, Howdy Doody R, KAMP, KAT, KEND, KLER, KMCB, KRAP, KULP, Midnite R, Mystic Vot Western Prairies, Omega R, Pirate R Trenton, R Anarchy, R Blandx, R Cochiguaz, R Drift?, R Flattus?, R Ganymede?, R Killinger, R Marabu, R Metallica WW, R Neptune Universal Svc, R Pirana Intl, R Politzania?, R Scottish Montreal, Real Alternative R, Revolution R, Samurai R?, Society of Industrialized Music?, The Asylum, The Fox, Tube R, Vo Anarchy, Vo BC Freedom, Vot Epileptic Catfish, Vo Monotony?, Vo Normandy?, Vot Purple Pumpkin, VoRF Indiana, Vo SW R, Vo Stench?, WAO, Way Gone R, WEMR, WCTU, WKZP?, WLIQ, WLIS, WNOT, WPBS, WPHI, WREC, WYDX, Wire Line R?

Box 293, Merlin, ONT NOP 1W0, Canada:

Altered States R, Argosy Magazine, Blind Faith R, CKXO?, CRTC, CSIC, Eve of Destruction, Great Southland, Greater Manchester Celtic R, Happy Hanukkah, Johnny Canuck, Juggernaut R, Laser Hot Hits, Montana Audio Relay Svc, North Jersey Coast R, R Beaver, R Cambodia from Phnom Phen?, R Cando, R Farside?, R Fluffernut, R Gemini, R Gloria, R London, R Marabu, R Merlin Intl, R Moody Blue, R Pus, R Scottish Montreal, R Toronto, The Fox, Vo Helium, VOID, Vo Juliet, VoRF Indiana, Wee Guy R?, Wire Line R?, WAOJ, WPMS, WRBI, X-Files R

Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895:

Black Swan R-100.9, WDRR, WGBR-91.7, WVFR

Box 928, Lone Pine, CA 93545:

KMUD/Black Rock R

Box 1212, Dunedin, NZ:

Southern Music R

Box 3103, Onekawa, Napier, NZ:

KIWI (NZ), R G'day (Aust), Radio Sue (NZ)

Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814:

Action R?, Females BCing Interference, Grand Ol' Opry R, KCGR, KHAT-1650, KICK, RF Jesus, RF Salvation, RF Spin, R Ogalalla, Vo Bizarro World, Vo F America?, Vo Gilligan?, WEED, WISL, WFN, WPOE, WRAR, WRX, ZNS4?

PO Box 12-128, Ahuriri, Napier, NZ:

R Jemima

Box 25302, Pittsburgh, PA 15242:

Kranker R?, R WOLF Intl, Radio X?, Rastafarian R, VOID,

Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908:

6YCAT, 6YVOS, Alan Masyga Project, Betty Boop R, Cat In T Hat?, Desert Vibrations R, Fake Alan Masyga Project, F Dylan Experience, Friday R, Harold Krishna's Mx Svc, Hotel California SW, Indira Calling, Jerryrigged R, KBLK, KDDE?, KILR, KORN, KRDR, Office de R et TV du Quebec, Outlaw R, Partial India R, R Eclipse, R Eurogeek, RFM, RF Vinyl, R Fusion R, R Gerbil, R Inca, R Nine, T Scream ot Butterfly, Take It To t Limit R, Up Against t Wall R, Vot Runaway Maharishi, Vot Twilight Alehouse, WBLU, WGTG, WMEL, WMFQ, WPRS, WUNH

When contacting a Free Radio station:

Always use the address announced in the broadcast; it is the most current. If no address is announced, use the one listed here. If the station has no listed address, you can try sending a report to one of the major maildrops and cross your fingers.

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2145 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

NO ELECTION CLANDESTINES

Unless you have been on the moon for the last six weeks, you undoubtedly noticed the continual controversy about the results of the United States election for President. On election night itself, all major USA television networks called the election results in Florida in favor of Al Gore. A few hours later they reversed themselves and called the election in favor of George W. Bush. At that time I was in Switzerland, where there is a six hour time difference between the USA and Europe. By the time that I went about my business in Switzerland and returned to the hotel, all of the networks had changed their minds for a third time, noting that the election was "too close to call." The fact that the election was "too close to call" did not stop the networks from issuing the various incorrect calls. If an umpire blew two consecutive calls like that in the ninth inning of the 7th game of the World Series, it is doubtful that the umpire would be assigned to a similar job any time in the future. You can look for the networks to avoid issuing calls next time, even if somebody is blowing the other candidate away.

Subsequently, we got treated to a circus. It turned out that Al Gore got about 300,000 votes more than George W. Bush did, a very close margin of about three tenths of one percent. However, in a formerly little known asterisk that is no longer in the realm of asterisks, it turned out that unlike in most western industrial countries, the President of the United States is not elected in a democratic fashion. The framers of the USA constitution did not trust the public to elect the President, and they set up an indirect "Electoral College" mechanism in which smaller states are awarded more votes than larger states. This antique mechanism has survived two centuries of American history without change. It sometimes creates a situation where the famous President Tilden (remember him?) wins the most votes in an election, but is not installed in office. We had such a situation again this time, when either candidate could have won the Presidency, depending upon whether he won the most votes in Florida.

But, as is well known by now, the results in Florida were extremely close. Nobody will ever know for certain what the exact totals were, given a variety of irregularities in the voting process and the vote counting process. It then became very clear which of the two candidates was interested in finding out for certain which one of them got more votes in Florida. The answer to this question was neither one of them.

In the official vote totals certified by Florida Secretary of State Kathryn Harris, Al Gore won more votes that were cast and counted on election day. But, his margin was smaller than the number of absentee votes that were cast by people who were out of the country on election day. It turned out that a sizable majority of these foreign absentee ballots favored George W. Bush, primarily because they were dominated by military personnel and affluent people who were outside the country. So, various factions in the Democratic party spent a few weeks attempting to get these absentee ballots tossed out, many of which had irregularities in terms of Florida law. The Democrats were clearly not interested in counting all the ballots, especially those that were not cast in favor of Al Gore.

Lest we think that the Democrats are the villains in this saga, we also should recall that the Republicans simultaneously spent the next few weeks in a four corners stall that would have made Dean Smith of North Carolina proud. Al Gore offered to recount the entire state of Florida by hand, but George W. Bush refused this offer outright at a very early stage. Various Florida courts and ultimately the United States supreme court delayed some partial hand recounts endlessly and relentlessly. Former secretary of state James Baker, drafted by Bush to be his spokesman, said repeatedly that the process of recounting ballots changed the nature of the ballot indications, meaning that recounts should not take place. Bush opposed a full counting of the ballots right up to the end.

Of course, the final result is now well known. It turns out that the election was a "show election," much like the contests we used to see in the USSR. The vote totals from the voters in the election were not decisive. So, the Florida Supreme Court, dominated by Democrats, voted four to three in favor of a partial hand recount that just about everybody agrees would result in Al Gore getting more votes than George W. Bush in Florida. However, the United States supreme court, dominated by Republicans, reversed the Florida ruling in a five to four vote. It turns out that we could have saved a lot of time, effort, and money by not holding the actual election. Instead, we could have just let Justice Sandra Day O'Connor make an announcement about who should be the President. This is not much different than the mechanism used by the old Soviet Politburo to determine who should take the place of various Soviet leaders.

Why am I taking space in *The ACE* to recount this by now well known and fully resolved situation? I received a blizzard of e-mails during the long process of argument and litigation after the election. The ones from Republican sources accused Al Gore of trying to steal the election. The ones from Democratic sources accused George W. Bush of having actually stolen the election, even though he received fewer votes (nationally and in Florida). This is pretty serious stuff. A majority of Americans appears to have felt that both Bush and Gore were trying to steal the election, and about half of Americans still feel that the election was in fact stolen. I started to see the words "banana republic" printed in newspapers and magazines, referring to the United States, not to Paraguay or Colombia. In fact, while I was in Switzerland, where a long tradition of direct democracy is still firmly in place, I had to apologize a few times to Swiss residents for the fact that I live in a country where the winner of elections does not necessarily take office.

Lest we think that the problems in this election were restricted to Florida, it was announced during mid-December by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections in Ohio that they suddenly found about 3,000 absentee ballots that were lost on election night, and which were not counted. Thus, it appears that although I went to the trouble to vote before I went to Europe, it now is clear that I wasted my time, because they did not count my vote.

Given this potentially dangerous situation, it strikes me as very odd that we saw no clandestine radio activity that was oriented toward the United States election. There wasn't even very much activity on this from pirate or quasi-clandestine stations. (There was one exception, when Miami's #1 rated Cuban radio station, Radio Mambi, broadcast repeated (and partially successful) appeals for people to demonstrate at the Miami-Dade county election counting location in a successful attempt to shut the recount down. It turns out that most of the demonstrators were not local Cuban-Americans, but were instead paid officials of the George W. Bush campaign). A look at this month's *ACE DiaLogs* reveals that there were only one or two pirate radio stations that even mentioned

the whole controversy, and these were mentions in passing. This is in contrast to the clandestine activity that almost always emerges when there are referenda on whether Quebec should secede from Canada. We even had the Jean Chretien station associated with the recent Canadian elections. We saw countless clandestines calling for elections and revolution during the last twenty years in Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and even Mexico.

But, during the election fiasco in the United States, there was no such pirate or clandestine activity. It seems to me that somebody should note this in print somewhere, and I just have done so.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR UNLICENSED BROADCASTING

A case can be made that the reason for the lack of unlicensed broadcasting in the USA election mess is that we got an overdose of coverage on the issue in regular broadcast media, especially cable TV. Plus, it seems in retrospect that most of the Democrats really didn't think too much of Gore, who squandered a candidacy at a time of economic prosperity that usually leads the incumbent party to gain reelection. And, it seems that most of the Republicans really didn't think too much of Bush either, who gets portrayed on Saturday Night Live as an amiable drunken dunce who spells better than Dan Quayle, but who can't speak a sentence without mispronouncing the words. (In a personal note, I have been overseas five times, which is more than the three times that Bush has traveled overseas, making my resume slightly stronger as a world leader).

But the main issue for ACE members will be the impact of the Presidential result on unlicensed broadcasting. As I mentioned briefly in the column previously, Nick Grace wrote a very interesting essay on Clandestine.Radio.Com in which he speculated before the election that a Bush victory could be a slight stimulus to clandestine broadcast activity. Nick's reasoning was "inside the Beltway" stuff based on the names of advisors who would have foreign policy influence at the White House under a Bush administration. Nick concluded that Bush would be somewhat more likely than Gore to provide the budget and the covert support that is necessary for clandestine radio operations funded by the United States. We are about to see how good Nick's reasoning was.

On the pirate radio side of the coin, it is hard to say whether Gore or Bush would have been a better choice for pirate operators. In the past we have seen intermittent FCC bust activity under both Democratic and Republican presidents. The huge explosion of FM pirate activity took place under Clinton's watch, but this also led to the biggest volume of FCC busts in history. On the shortwave side, we have seen occasional busts under Reagan, Bush the first, and then Clinton, but most of the time we have seen unabated bust-free pirate broadcasting under both parties. Clinton's FCC appointee William Kennard did push the LPFM proposal, although it has received much opposition from Republicans in Congress who are backing up the National Association of Broadcasters. It could be that Bush will squash the LPFM proposal like a grape, although his Republican rival John McCain has been actively promoting this proposal. We shall see who Bush appoints to the FCC. Stay tuned.

COLOMBIA STILL HOT

The United States is not the only country that has seen political turmoil lately. It was announced very late in November that Colombian President Andres Pastrana had once again asked the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for a resumption of the stalled peace talks. Polls have shown Pastrana's popularity at an all-time low. The USA is of course increasing its involvement in this civil war with large quantities of military and personnel aid. The FARC has pulled out of the peace talks to protest the USA aid and to simultaneously protest right-wing paramilitary forces in Colombia. This is one place that *does have* clandestine activity.

As we mentioned last month, *Clandestine Radio Watch* #57 noted that La Voz de Resistencia - Bloque Oriental has generated occasional loggings in the 2145-2230* time frame on variable 6261 kHz. But, the latest *Clandestine Radio Watch* #58 noted no new

Colombian clandestine activity in the world's DX bulletins. No logs were sent in to ACE on this one either. Has anybody been hearing this one?

CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH

We should by no means come to the conclusion that clandestine radio broadcasting is dead, despite the current dearth of western hemisphere interest in clandestines among DXers and broadcasters. The list of countries with recent clandestine news in the December CRW #58 included Afghanistan, China, Congo, Cuba (quasi), Ethiopia, Georgia (Europe, not Atlanta), Israel, Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan, Myanmar (formerly Burma), Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tibet, and Zimbabwe. You should check out clandestineradio.com on the internet to get the latest updates on worldwide clandestine activity.

One interesting piece of news is that the Voice of Palestine medium wave transmitter on 675 kHz returned to the air on November 16. This transmitter had been knocked off the air by an Israeli bombing attack. Apparently the damage has now been repaired.

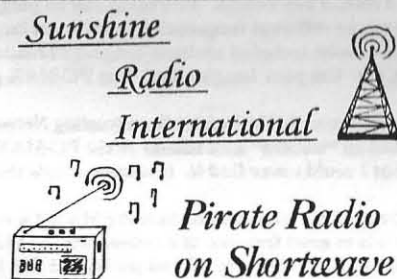
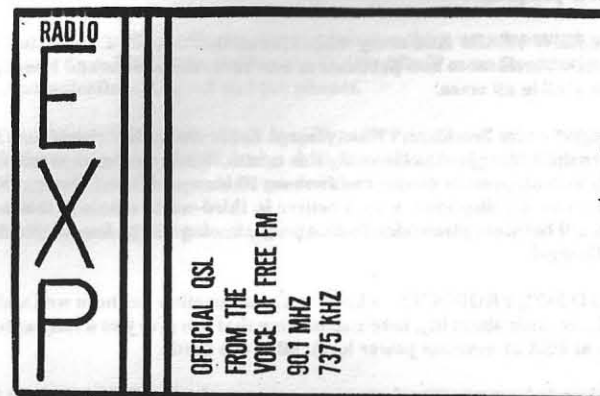
CLANDESTINE RADIO COM

In case you have lost the internet URL for Clandestine Radio Com, we are printing it once again here: <http://www.clandestineradio.com/index.html> so that you can make use of the best clandestine radio resource in the world today. Among the new features on the site this month is an analysis of USA spending on Iraqi clandestines. A key quote from Nick's analysis is, "Since 1991 at least US\$100 million has been spent to maintain covert broadcasting operations and an additional US\$10 million for overt broadcasting against Iraq." You certainly will want to go to the site to see Nick's excellent and interesting essay.

While we are on the subject of other clandestine radio information resources, we need to mention the Cumbre DX site at its current <http://www.cumbredx.org/> internet URL. Just about every week, *Cumbre DX* contains some interesting clandestine station logs and news. Another good resource, of course, is Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest. This material, associated with Glenn's long-running World of Radio broadcast, can be found via the DXing Com site hosted by Universal Shortwave. The <http://www.dxing.com/dxr.htm> URL takes you to Glenn's latest material. This site also has a link to the DXLD archives, which is now searchable. This can be a fine resource for digging out clandestine material over the last two or three years.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Bud Stacey (Alabama), Steve Cagan (Ohio), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from **YOU** by January 20 for the February *Clandestine Profile*.



Micro'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 & micro radio- this is YOUR column! Please send stuff & what-have-you to the address or e-mail address above- you'll get credit or blame, whichever you prefer!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! And many wishes for all that's good! Lots of stuff going on, from a new President to new products to new radio allocations and I hope, good stuff for y'all in all areas.

Speaking of a new President, I'll bet George Zeller and fellow clandestine listeners will have their ears glued to the radio this month. Some newsgroups tell of planned, possibly violent, protests during the January 20 inauguration of George W. Bush. Since our country displayed, what I believe is, third-world mania in this last election process, I'll bet some pirate/ clandestine programming will be heard. Please let us know, George!

NEW (TO ME!) PRODUCTS: I knew radio automation has been well under way (and I know little about it!), here's something that can give you a fully-automated station- at USA or overseas power levels all in one unit!

If you already have a personal computer, you can obtain a PC-MAX from PCS Electronics (www.pcs-electronics.com). The PC-MAX is a pc card that plugs directly into your motherboard and with accompanying software, allows you total control over the transmitter: frequency, power level up to one watt (factory default is USA legal!) and status check of the transmitter. With MP3 player software, a totally automated station can be had. Two cards can be plugged in & used to simulcast programs, on different frequencies, in different languages, whatever! Cases cited on the website included multiple-language broadcasts for museums, real estate companies, etc. Use your imagination! The PC-MAX goes for \$89.99US.

(By the way, I was listening to the Patriot Broadcasting Network via the Internet and they mentioned an "isocard" unit similar to the PC-MAX, available via www.m2k.com, but I could never find it. If someone finds this, please let me know.)

Other products from PCS Electronics include the MAX-2 4 watt mono FM transmitter, with lots of good features, at a sellout price of \$129.99US; The MAX-PRO 15 watt transmitter for \$139.99US and the BUG-1 FM bug for \$49.99US. Many other products are available as well, including Amateur radio, VHF/UHF, stereo encoders and much, much more. Unfortunately for you Internet-incapable folks, I didn't find a snail-mail address on their site; I'll e-mail them & see if I can find one for the next column.

A NEW CB BAND? That's what the FCC calls it! You know those little VHF FM transceivers Radio Shack sells, such as the BTX-128 and BTX-127- the ones you're supposed to obtain FCC licenses to operate? Well, in a little-known move back in November 2000, the FCC moved these (and other?) radios from Part 90 to Part 95 status, thus creating a NEW CB SERVICE! All this, after Congress re-regulating 11 meter CB FOR federal licensing, etc. The reasoning behind this buffoonish move is that "there's so many folks using them without licenses, we'll deregulate them."

The poop on this new piece of poop is this: the new service is called "MURS", short for "Multiple-Use Radio Service". Power range is limited to 2 watts, and voice, data or IMAGES can be sent via this service. Oh, boy, the Internet comes to on-air video! It wasn't enough that some CBers took to putting microphones where they shouldn't go, but now there's potential for cameras to go there too....Frequencies

are 151.820, 151.880, 151.940, 154.570 and 154.600. The Radio Shack radios operate on a few more frequencies besides these. There was no mention if the units were to be hand held, mobile or base, but my guess is, with the low wattage allowed, it'll pretty much be hand held rigs. By the way, Radio Shack also has a 5 watt mobile rig that operates on these frequencies, too; potential for abuse?

Since this little move was on the QT, Cobra and other "hobby" radio manufacturers were caught by surprise, with no units to offer, but they admit to there being a possibility of some market for these units. There's also no mention of repeaters, antenna restrictions or what-have-you. Word has it there's nothing on the FCC's website about this move, either. Why the quiet treatment?

I guess the Family Radio Service deregulation thing wasn't enough; all in the wake of lame duck Bill Clinton telling the FCC to "find" more frequencies for personal communications, i.e., cell and pcs phones.

Yes, I know, this isn't really in keeping with Part 15 and micro radio, but news in that area has been SLOW lately. In light of this news, could future LPFMers or others could use these as tools around the station?

Enough is enough for now, I guess, so until next time....de Bud



Covert Comms

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In the latest developments in the case of the stolen Enigma machine, an arrest has finally been made. The Enigma machine was stolen on April 1st from the codebreaking museum at Bletchley Park, north of London.

Dennis Yates was arrested on November 18th and charged with blackmail and handling stolen goods. The blackmail charge probably stemmed from one of the letters sent to the curators of the museum threatening to destroy the rotors used in the machine unless a ransom was paid. The machine itself was sent to the mailroom of the BBC in London.

Five Cubans are being charged with espionage in Miami. Federal prosecutors say that the five used encryption software, high-frequency radio signals and coded phone messages.

One of the most serious charges is the case against the ringleader, Gerardo Hernandez, who was accused of passing information to assist the Cuban air force in shooting down two planes used by the exile group Brothers to the Rescue in 1996. Four people died in the shootdowns.

Defense attorneys claim that since the spy ring didn't obtain any or pass classified information to Cuba, then they aren't guilty of espionage. They do admit, however, that the five agents acted on orders from Havana.

I don't expect any specific details about the operation to be announced, but it's fairly obvious that the use of encryption software and high-frequency (aka shortwave) radio signals points to the use of numbers stations to receive their instructions.

Last month I reported on the demise of the Enigma newsletter. The new incarnation, known as Enigma 2000, is focused around the old Enigma website. However, a new form of the newsletter is available, downloadable from the site at <http://reachus.at/enigma>. Issue 1 is available now, and if you liked the old Enigma, you'll like the Enigma 2000 newsletter. The same station information is included, along with a few interesting articles.

The newsletter is also available in a disc or paper version on a cost basis for those who don't have internet access. Unfortunately, no address is given in the newsletter on how to obtain a hard copy.

That's all for now... have a happy new year and new millennium.

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And welcome to the new year – and the New Millenium (for real this time!). Hope everybody got the HF-1000s and Ten-Tec RX340s they craved so much. May 2001 be a better year for all of you...

For the most part, to me the Holiday Season only meant a delay in the publishing cycle; you'll have to forgive me if I wasn't terribly festive. On top of holidays, I'm still having a few glitches with my ISP – people send me email and get a "failure notice" whether the email comes thru or not. I hope to have that figured out before the next deadline.

You are blessed with an expanded edition this time, too. Lee went eight pages and Chris included *The Directory*, so we're running 20 pages this month. Don't expect it every month, however, as the extra costs are prohibitive. OTOH, it is nice to see more participation in your newsletter...

Notice more "white-space" this time around? You should. I'm already running out of useable things to use as graphics filler, so please feel free to find something to send along. If I completely run out of stuff we'll have a blank cover as well – and I doubt you wanna see that.

73 and gud DX...

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